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Cc: Goodman, Justin (NOR)
Subject: fraudulent call to cancel chemist appearance at Court

This morning I received a telephone call for Peter and Tan. I asked whether I could take a message. The female voice said, "Yes, tell them they don't have to appear in court Tuesday." I then asked to have some identifiers to clarify which date and court appearance was cancelled and suggested we start with the *State Lab number* for the case, not the docket number. I heard some paper shuffling in the background and was given [REDACTED] I said "okay, I got that..." and before I could get any other info (caller's name, call back number, etc.) the phone was hung up.

I checked with Peter and Tan about their most recent shared dates for a Tuesday and there was one next week, for ADA Justin Goodman.

I called the Middlesex DA's office and was referred to Nancy Stanton, the person tracking court dates and cancellations. She alerted me her office tracks cancellations on a spreadsheet and she had no listing for a cancellation. Only four people are authorized to cancel court appearances and none had cancelled a Piro/ Tan date for a Tuesday. There was no active case involving [REDACTED]

I alerted ADA Goodman. We discussed the possibility of a fraudulent call. He asked for an e-mail regarding the call. I am forwarding this memo to him.

I alerted Chuck and Betsy. We agreed that we can honor phone call cancellations with people we are familiar with and credibly identify themselves and the case. Any questionable calls should be double checked with a call of our own, back to the ADA office prosecuting the case, to confirm a genuine cancellation. If you receive a fraudulent call about a case cancellation, alert the ADA pursuing the case.